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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR:

BLUM *et al.*

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TITLE: Method and Apparatus For  
Reducing the Intensity of  
Hurricanes at Sea by Deep-Water  
Upwelling

GROUP ART UNIT: 2862

EXAMINER: BUI, Thach H.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, the three month shortened statutory period during which to respond thereto expiring on June 16, 2004 having been extended to September 16, 2004 by authorization to charge all required extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, Applicant submits the following: